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## Via Electronic Comment Filing System

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20544

Re: KPLE-CD, Killeen, Texas

Request for Streamlined Financial Hardship Waiver Implementation of Commercial Advertisement Loudness

Mitigation (CALM) Act, MB Docket No. 11-93

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Our firm is counsel to Killeen Christian Broadcasting Corporation ("Killeen"), licensee of KPLE-CD, Killeen, Texas (the "Station"). On December 13, 2012, pursuant to the streamlined processes adopted in the Commission's *Report and Order* issued December 13, 2011, in the above-captioned proceeding (the "*Order*"), Killeen requested a waiver of the Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation ("CALM") Act rules adopted therein for one year due to financial hardship. By this letter, Killeen respectfully requests a renewed waiver for an additional year due to financial hardship.

Pursuant to the *Order*, "small broadcast stations" may request a waiver of the Commission's CALM Act rules through a streamlined waiver process.<sup>1</sup> A "small broadcast station" is defined as a station (1) with no more than \$14 million in annual receipts, *or* (2) is located in television markets 150 to 210.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, to qualify for a waiver under the streamlined process, an applicant must certify that it needs a delay of one year to obtain certain specified equipment in order to avoid financial hardship.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Implementation of Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act, Report and Order, FCC 11-182, ¶¶ 52-53 (2011).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.*, ¶ 53.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.*, ¶ 52 & n.226.

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Enclosed with this letter is the Certification of Catherine Mason, President of the licensee, who certifies that the Station meets the Commission's definition of a "small broadcast station" for the purposes of the streamlined financial hardship waiver because, at all relevant times, Killeen has less than \$14 million in annual receipts. Ms. Mason further certifies that, to avoid financial hardship, Killeen requires a one-year delay to obtain certain specified equipment necessary for the Station to comply with the Commission's CALM Act rules. Specifically, Ms. Mason certifies that the Station's equipment is in disrepair and requires an upgraded replacement to comply with the Commission's CALM Act rules.

Accordingly, the Station meets the definition of a "small broadcast station" and respectfully requests a renewed waiver of CALM Act compliance for one year.

If any questions should arise during the course of your consideration of this matter, it is respectfully requested that you communicate with this office.

Respectfully submitted,

Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, L.L.P.

Laura S. Chipman

Counsel to Killeen Christian Broadcasting Corporation

Enclosure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> KPLE-CD is licensed to Killeen, Texas, which is located in the Waco-Temple-Bryan Designated Market Area, which is, according to Nielsen, the 88<sup>th</sup> largest market. *See* http://www.nielsen.com/content/dam/corporate/us/en/docs/solutions/measurement/television/201 3-2014-DMA-Ranks.pdf.

## Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Implementation of the Commercial	)	MB Docket No. 11-93
Advertisement Loudness Mitigation (CALM)	)	
Act	)	

## **Certification of Catherine Mason**

- I, Catherine Mason, hereby certify as follows:
- 1. I am President of Killeen Christian Broadcasting Corporation ("Killeen"), licensee of KPLE-CD, Killeen, Texas (the "Station"). I have held this position since 2001.
- 2. Killeen is a non-profit corporation that airs religious and community-oriented programming to its local viewers in the Waco-Temple-Bryan Designated Market Area.
- 3. During the calendar years 2011 and 2012, Killeen had less than \$14 million in annual receipts. Killeen anticipates that it will have less than \$14 million in annual receipts for the 2013 calendar year.
- 4. The Station's equipment is in disrepair and requires an upgraded replacement to comply with the Commission's CALM Act rules. Triveni has provided an estimate to Killeen for a replacement ASI card at a cost of \$1025.
- 5. To avoid financial hardship, which would compromise Killeen's mission to air programming of interest to its viewers, Killeen requires a waiver of the Commission's CALM Act rules for one year to allow it to obtain the necessary equipment to comply with the rules.

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October 17, 2013
Date

Catherine Mason

President

Killeen Christian Broadcasting Corporation